

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF ST. CECILIA • ST. MARY • ST. PATRICK

August 8 & 9, 2026

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Sacramental Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, please contact Fr. Ray Higgins at (641) 747-2569 for the emergency number.

Sacrament Guidelines:

Contact the Rectory to make arrangements prior to marriage and baptismal sacraments.

Bulletin Announcements:

Send bulletin announcements to Misean at stmpcsecretary@outlook.com by 8PM Tuesday.

PARISH announcements



Beginning this week, Saturday night, August 8th St. Cecilia's mass will be at 6pm instead of 6:30 pm for the rest of the summer.

St. Mary Hall Cleaning Day–Retry

Please come to help clean the church hall on Saturday, August 15th at 8AM.

Special collections for the Venezuelan Earthquakes

Here is the info to donate to special collections for the Venezuelan Earthquakes.

dmdiocese.org/giving/diocesan-special-collections/Earthquake-Relief



COUNCIL meetings

St. Patrick - Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30PM
St. Mary - Wednesday, August 12 at 6:00PM



ST. CECILIA PARISH

220 N 1ST ST.
PANORA, IA 50216



ST. MARY PARISH

603 MAIN STREET
GUTHRIE CENTER, IA 50115



ST. PATRICK PARISH

214 PRAIRIE STREET
BAYARD, IA 50029

FROM THE DESK OF

Fr. Ray Higgins



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

Many of us worry about being forgotten. We have all felt the sting when someone doesn't call back, ignores us, or seems too busy to notice. In times of illness, grief, or disappointment, we might even ask, *"Has God forgotten me?"*

This Sunday's readings remind us that God never forgets us. Elijah learns that God is still with him, speaking softly. The disciples feel alone in the storm, but Jesus is already coming to help. When Peter starts to sink, Jesus quickly reaches out to save him. Time after time, God shows us that He always remembers His children.

The real challenge may not be that God forgets us, but that we often forget Him. When things are going well, we get busy and rely on ourselves. Our prayers may be hurried, and we forget to be thankful. Then, when trouble comes, we wonder where God is. But God has always been faithful.

This week, I encourage you to take a few quiet moments each evening to ask yourself:

"Lord, where did I see Your faithful love today?"

Take a moment to thank God for even one thing, like a kind word, unexpected strength, a beautiful sunset, a friend's support, or the peace you felt in prayer. To build this habit, try setting aside a minute at the end of each day to write down one blessing you noticed. You might keep a small notebook by your bed for this, or write it on a calendar. Over time, this simple daily practice can help you notice God's love in your life. Being grateful reminds us that God is always with us.

As we come together for the Eucharist, which is our great prayer of thanks, let's remember that God has never forgotten us. Let's also show His faithful love by reaching out to those who might feel left out. If you want to help as a parish, you could visit our homebound seniors, join a parish ministry, help with outreach in the county, join the Knights or Women's Guild, teach religious education classes, or find other ways to serve. Together, we can bring hope to anyone in our community who feels forgotten.

May God bless you and your family this week.

Fr. Ray

UPCOMING events



Christ Our Life Catholic Conference

When: September 26 & 27, 2026

Where: Casey's Center Des Moines

Why: To hear world-class speakers, learn more about our faith, be inspired, worship and praise God in community with thousands and experience the joy of His presence!

How: Attend in person or livestream

Cost: \$30 for the entire weekend
23 and under FREE!



Scan the QR code to
to purchase tickets

For more information, go to:
ChristOurLifelowa.com

Let's Believe...Live...and Celebrate Our Faith!

ST. MARY religious education



Thank you for everyone who donated supplies
for religious education.

2026-2027 school year RE class will be starting
September 9th from 5:30-6:30PM



Triumph of the Heart



Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the
Eucharist



Into Great Silence

MARRIED COUPLES: Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you the "gardening tools" you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. For information call Denise and Greg - 563-920-9419 or register at wwme.org. Upcoming dates are October 9-11, 2026 in Epworth and February 12-14, 2027 in Dubuque.

Do you know a couple who have been married 70, 75 or more years? Worldwide Marriage Encounter highlights and honors couples who have very long marriages. Every state in the US will honor one nominated couple who is married the longest. Please nominate a couple by going to wwme.org and nominate them at the top of the page. Nominations should be in by September 1st. For questions call 641-753-6953.





WEEKLY calendar

Saturday

4:00 PM Confessions, Bayard
4:15 PM Divine Mercy, Bayard
4:30 PM Mass, Bayard

Saturday

4:00 PM Confessions, Bayard
4:05 PM First Saturday Rosary, Bayard
4:15 PM Divine Mercy, Bayard
4:30 PM Mass, Bayard
6:00 AM Confessions, Panora
6:30 PM Mass, Panora

Sunday

7:30 AM Confessions, Panora
7:45 AM Divine Mercy, Panora
8:00 AM Mass, Panora
9:00 AM-10:00 AM Adoration, Bayard
9:15 AM Divine Mercy, Guthrie Center
9:30 AM Mass, Guthrie Center
10:30 AM Confessions, Guthrie Center

Monday

No Mass

Tuesday

3:30 - 4:30 PM Adoration, Panora
5:15 PM Confessions & Divine Mercy, Bayard
5:30 PM Mass, Bayard

Wednesday

7:45 AM Confessions & Divine Mercy, Panora
8:00 AM Mass, Panora
9:00 AM Prayer Group, Panora
3:30 PM Adoration, Guthrie Center (TIME CHANGE)

Thursday

7:45 AM Confessions & Divine Mercy, Panora
8:00 AM Mass, Panora

Friday

7:45 AM Confessions & Divine Mercy, Guthrie Center
8:00 AM Mass, Guthrie Center



Mass intention envelopes can be found in the back of church. Please fill in the requested information, add your donation and place the envelope in the collection plate.

MASS intentions



Sat., August 8 at 4:30 PM — Matt Murrane
Sat. August 8 at 6:00 PM — Mass for the People
Sun., August 9 at 8:00 AM — Johnny & Catherine Vogel Family
Sun., August 9 at 9:30 AM — George, Miranda & Maritza
Tues., August 11 at 5:30 PM— Living & deceased members
Higgins Family
Wed., August 12 at 8:00 AM — Joe, Lucy and Jerry Wolterman
Thurs., August 13 at 8:00 AM — Orville Leinen
Fri., August 14 at 8:00 AM — Deceased family members of
Kevin & Peggy Dentlinger

Sat., August 15 at 4:30 PM — Mass for the People
Sat. August 15 at 6:00 PM — Ed & Deanna
Sun., August 16 at 8:00 AM — Ed & Jeanne McDermott
Sun., August 16 at 9:30 AM — Kroy Redfern
Tues., August 18 at 5:30 PM— Kenny Ludwig
Wed., August 19 at 8:00 AM — Dick & Diane Zapf
Thurs., August 20 at 8:00 AM — Eddie Dorsett & Family
Fri., August 21 at 8:00 AM — Margaret Reinhart

Chaplet of Divine Mercy Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen.

WEEKLY offerings



St. Cecilia Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering- \$1,891
Food Pantry- \$100
ADA Goal \$23,161 ADA Balance Due \$8,281

St. Mary Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering— \$6,516
Food Pantry- \$476
ADA Goal \$14,880 ADA Balance Due \$284

St. Patrick Weekly Offering

Sunday weekly offering- \$10,086
Food Pantry- \$357
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